

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2004
(Approved October 4, 2004)

The Board of Supervisors held their Workshop Meeting on Monday, September 20, 2004. Present for the meeting were supervisors David K. Leinbach, Robert F. Preston and W. Atlee Rinehart. Also, in attendance was John A. Koury, Jr., Township Solicitor. Mr. Leinbach called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the September 13, 2004 Monthly Meeting

Mr. Preston moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2004 monthly meeting as amended. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Amendment being under subheading, Heyser Park, insert the word 'subdivision' after Heyser Park in the first sentence.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Timothy Mullray stated concerns of the stop work order that was imposed on the Meadowbrooke Hunt subdivision. Mr. Leinbach noted the stop work order is in effect because of Chester County Conservation District violations, i.e., down silt fences, mud on the road, etc. and Mr. Leinbach instructed Mr. Mullray to correct all the problems and when the violations are abated to the satisfaction of the Township Engineer the stop work order can be lifted. Mr. Mullray may discuss alternatives to the erosion and sedimentation controls with the Conservation District.

Mr. Walter Woessner asked if the Sprint tower at Towpath Park would change the tax-exempt status. Mr. Leinbach noted he did not believe it would because of the tower being a utility and the Township Solicitor will have to investigate further.

Mr. David Heim stated concerns of the water hydrant at Old Schuylkill and Ellis Woods Roads being too close to the road. Mr. Heim asked why Sprint did not put their tower at Ridge Fire Company and it was noted they already have a tower at the fire company.

3. REPORTS

Reports from Various Departments and Committees

Mr. Preston moved to approve reports from various departments and committees. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Fund Balances Report

Mr. LaLonde read the fund balance total listed below. Mr. Rinehart moved to accept the fund balances report as read. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Fund	Checking	Money Market	CDs	Total
General	\$58,293.41	\$72,754.87		\$131,048.28
Capital Reserve		\$998.42		\$998.42
Highway Aid	\$7,273.24	\$125,432.18		\$132,705.42
Sanitary Sewer	\$10,431.69	\$451.89		\$10,883.58
Phase I Sewer Escrow		\$75.41		\$75.41
Police Safety	\$3,549.29			\$3,549.29
TOTAL				\$279,260.40

Contexant Water Users Fund

\$3,413.62

4. OTHER BUSINESS

PECO Lease

There was a brief discussion regarding the PECO lease. Tax issues, insurance and tenant fees were noted. The Township Solicitor will review the lease in further detail before the Board of Supervisors takes action.

Ellis Woods Park

Mr. Preston moved to approve Resolution No. 2004-34 concerning Ellis Woods Park. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2004 Road Projects

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve Payment No. 1 (final) for Dan Malloy Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$96,078.90 for 2004 road projects. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Earl Drive Drainage Improvements

There was a brief discussion of the Township Engineer letter dated September 13, 2004 regarding the Earl Drive drainage improvements. Mr. Preston noted concerns of excess water being close to the sewer piping and suggested the added sewer piping be omitted. Mr. Preston requested the Township Engineer explore installing a swale in lieu of an infiltration trench. The Township Engineer was instructed to put a level on the area and determine the depth of cut of the swale.

Mr. Preston moved to authorize the Township Engineer to proceed with the reevaluation of the backyard drainage between East Cedarville Road and Earl Drive as discussed and directing the water towards Spring Creek Lane. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The Township Engineer requested a letter go to the affected residents notifying them that surveying will done in their area.

Mr. Rinehart stated the oldest arched bridge in Chester County is in East Coventry Township and the 200th anniversary will be celebrated on October 30, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. The bridge is located in Parkerford on Old Schuylkill Road.

At 7:55 p.m. an executive session was held to discuss Sprint Spectrum. The workshop meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Township Funding

Mr. Robert Hulsebosch of National Penn Bank and Mr. Gordon Walker were present. There was a discussion of the funding options for Township projects.

The Board of Supervisors requested commitment letters from each financial institution and a decision will be made at the September 29, 2004 special meeting.

6. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve payment of the bills as presented. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. David Leinbach noted a letter received from PSAT's regarding the retirement of Marian Naylor after 37 years of service. Mr. Leinbach moved to authorize a letter be sent to PSAT's, to be included in the 'book of letters', on behalf of East Coventry Township thanking Ms. Naylor for her years of service. Mr. Preston seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leinbach noted a copy of the regional trails plan and requested the map be distributed to the Planning Commission, etc.

The Board of Supervisors signed an extension for the Highway Occupancy Permit.

Mr. Leinbach noted the traffic control signals in construction areas need to be clearer and more visible.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The monthly meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Preston,
Township Secretary/Treasurer